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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...how much money to put into this at this point in time. Any ideas on how many people we might need to staff this?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I really don't know. I'm assuming, to some extent, and this will make them nervous, we could rely on internal staff, but I really don't know what their work schedule looks like for the summer. And I suspect most of us won't until the interim studies begin to be outlined in greater detail. Some of the work, I'm confident, could be done in-house. Some of it can be work that we would ask for from the Department of Revenue. That is one of the provisions that's in existing law, that we could call upon the Department of Revenue, for example, for information as we could call upon all other agencies of government for information.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: And we would envision that there would be public hearings here, taking public input, or at least...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...allowing various sectors of taxpayers or groups...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...to address. Is that correct? And I assume that was a yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Wickersham amendment, AM3671, to the amendment, AM3653. Senator Brashear followed by Senator Stuhr, Schimek, Wehrbein, Coordsen, and Wickersham. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I think we ought to maybe look at this bill carefully, and it'll give an opportunity for those of us who would like to be